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Trades in More Than One SIC (continued)

Trade	Number of Workers	Hourly Wage Rates			
		Low	Median	High	Average
Ironworker, Structural	145	\$4.25	\$ 7.10	\$20.00	\$ 8.77
Laborer, Unskilled	2,833	3.35	5.00	15.23	5.29
Loader Operator	288	3.75	7.00	11.50	6.89
Mason	230	4.00	9.50	15.33	9.30
Mason's Tender	184	4.00	6.00	13.81	7.16
Mechanic	219	4.00	7.00	19.82	7.18
Millwright	107	4.50	12.89	15.64	10.92
Painter, Brush	215	3.50	5.85	11.85	5.88
Plasterer	20	5.00	9.50	14.00	9.03
Plasterer's Tender	7	5.00	6.00	7.00	6.21
Plumber, Pipefitter, Etc.	476	5.15	12.96	19.50	11.66
Rigger	19	4.70	7.50	9.00	7.10
Roofers	156	5.00	7.25	14.30	7.42
Sheet Metal Worker	225	5.25	8.42	12.67	8.53
Shovel Operator	12	5.00	6.87	8.16	6.99
Tool Operator	41	4.10	5.50	17.61	6.20
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	416	3.50	6.00	10.41	5.37
Truck Driver (3 Axles or More)	915	3.75	5.50	10.20	5.67

NOTES:

Average Wage: The weighted average computed by multiplying each rate by the number of workers receiving that rate then dividing by the total number of workers in the trade.

Median Wage: Literally, the middle rate, that is no more than half the workers in a trade earn less and no more than half the workers earn in excess of this figure.

SOURCE: Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment (for September 1983 employment data).

TECHNICAL NOTES

Rates shown in this publication should not be confused with rates used in any general or specific area determination. There are two major differences between this data and the determined rates. The industry groups differ significantly. For this publication, the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system Major Industry Groups are used. Prevailing wage determinations, on the other hand, cross SIC Groups. Also, no rate is set for a trade having less than 10 workers statewide, but data is shown here for trades with fewer than 10 workers if it was judged to be usable and did not violate confidentiality restrictions.



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The Maine Construction Wage Survey is conducted annually under the Prevailing Wage Rate on Construction Projects Law. The major purpose of the survey is to provide accurate hourly wage rates by trade for State-funded construction projects. The 1983 survey had an initial mailing to 777 construction firms. Data from 479 respondents was used to produce the 1984 wage determinations and, subsequently, this publication. The majority of unused reports were those having fewer than five employees during the survey period. Most of the remainder of the firms not used were out of business or no longer operating in the State of Maine. The data shown is based on 10,018 workers or about 53% of the 18,800 employed in the Construction Industry Division in September 1983.

The industry-wide average hourly wage for 1983 was \$7.13. This is slightly lower than the 1982 average of \$7.25. The difference is, in large part, due to a single major construction project that ended which had employed a rather large number of upper-level plumbers and pipefitters.

AVERAGE WAGE RATES
BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP, 1982-1983

	Average Wage 1983	Average Wage 1982
Construction Industry	\$7.13	\$7.25
Building Construction	7.59	7.42
Highway & Heavy Construction	6.10	5.85
Special Trades Contractors	8.02	8.57

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HOURLY WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED CONSTRUCTION TRADES, MAINE, 1983

Special Trade Contractors (SIC 17)

Building Construction (SIC 15)

Trade	Number of Workers	Hourly Wage Rates			
		Low	Median	High	Average
Backhoe Operator	48	\$5.00	\$ 6.38	\$18.11	\$ 7.67
Bulldozer Operator	17	5.00	6.75	18.11	7.26
Carpenter	1,076	3.50	6.50	14.14	6.86
Cement Finisher	26	4.50	7.29	11.66	7.52
Crane Operator (15 Tons Plus)	18	4.90	6.50	8.80	6.77
Ironworker, Reinforcing	84	5.00	14.30	16.30	12.95
Ironworker, Structural	72	4.25	6.00	15.64	6.69
Laborer, Unskilled	771	3.35	5.00	11.62	5.37
Mason	59	4.75	9.50	12.66	9.13
Mason's Tender	30	4.50	5.00	9.57	5.82
Mechanic	12	4.50	6.60	19.82	7.42
Millwright	55	7.20	12.89	15.64	12.17
Painter, Brush	37	4.75	5.50	8.50	5.88
Plumber, Pipefitter, Etc.	102	5.50	14.65	17.15	13.25
Sheet Metal Worker	27	5.55	7.00	14.30	8.42
Tool Operator	15	4.45	5.00	17.61	6.11
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	33	4.25	6.40	10.41	7.05
Truck Driver (3 Axles or More)	19	4.10	5.50	9.71	6.00

Highway and Heavy Construction (SIC 16)

Trade	Number of Workers	Low	Median	High	Average
Backhoe Operator	231	4.00	7.50	12.50	7.83
Bituminous Plant Operator	35	5.75	8.09	9.80	7.79
Bituminous Raker/Spreader	123	4.00	6.50	10.10	6.46
Bulldozer Operator	162	4.50	7.38	11.50	7.90
Carpenter	100	5.00	6.50	11.00	6.96
Compressor Operator	6	4.50	4.88	6.25	5.09
Crane Operator (15 Tons Plus)	34	6.00	9.50	14.00	9.71
Crusher Plant Operator	42	4.00	6.60	10.20	6.78
Gradall Operator	11	5.00	7.00	10.70	7.61
Grader Operator	72	4.75	8.00	10.70	8.07
Ironworker, Structural	15	6.50	8.50	14.09	8.65
Laborer, Unskilled	1,420	3.35	4.62	9.35	5.03
Loader Operator	234	4.25	7.00	11.50	7.13
Mason	30	4.00	8.30	9.10	7.58
Mechanic	163	4.00	7.25	10.50	7.31
Paver, Bituminous	114	4.25	7.00	10.70	7.22
Pipe Layer	20	4.50	5.00	8.40	5.19
Roller Operator	221	3.85	7.00	10.70	6.83
Tool Operator	24	5.00	6.00	10.12	6.38
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	272	4.00	5.00	8.40	5.19
Truck Driver (3 Axles or More)	691	4.00	5.55	10.20	5.69

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Trade	Number of Workers	Low	Median	High	Average
Backhoe Operator	327	3.75	7.00	18.11	8.27
Bituminous Raker/Spreader	133	4.00	6.25	9.50	6.19
Boilermaker	137	4.75	18.16	21.37	16.84
Bulldozer Operator	238	3.75	7.00	18.11	7.36
Carpenter	1,266	3.35	6.50	14.14	6.99
Cement Finisher	71	4.50	7.30	11.66	7.77
Compressor Operator	12	4.50	5.15	18.11	6.30
Crane Operator (Under 15 Tons)	38	4.90	6.50	9.00	6.68
Crane Operator (15 Tons Plus)	63	6.00	11.50	18.11	13.05
Electrician	336	5.25	10.35	18.42	10.93
Glazier	366	4.00	11.06	17.70	10.44
Grader Operator	80	4.90	8.12	11.00	7.78
Ironworker, Reinforcing	87	5.00	14.30	15.00	12.91